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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1 - 10 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 7, 10 have been amended to more clearly and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as their invention. No new matter is believed to be added by the present amendment.

Rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee (US 7,426,537) in view of Myers (US Pub. No. 2002/0113824)

Applicants traverse the rejection for the following reasons.

The Office Action states on page 3: "the claim only depicts deleting duplicated data from the second area which still reads on the Myers Reference".

The Applicants have amended the claims to clarify that when the user selects a track or item in a list of tracks or items, the selected track or item is highlighted in the first area. If several occurrences of this selected and highlighted track or item appears in the second area, the introduction of a command for removing the track to be considered and highlighted in the first area triggers the removing of the last occurrence of the track to be considered in the list displayed in the second area. Support for the amendment is provided, for example, on figure 7: the item "TRACK 4" is highlighted in the first area (in the left part of the screen) and the two occurrences of "T4" appear non-highlighted in the right part of the screen. Therefore, a command to remove the highlighted item will remove a non-highlighted item: the last occurrence of this item.

Applicants submit that at least the feature: *"if the user introduces a second action for removing the track to be considered and highlighted in the first area of the screen, and if several occurrences of the track to be considered are displayed in the second area displaying at least part of the play list, removing the last occurrence of the track to be considered in the play list displayed in the second area."* is not disclosed nor suggested by Lee and Myers, taken alone or in combination.

Lee discloses systems and methods for enabling a plurality of client computers to establish and share a common dynamic content experience. Figures

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10A and 10B depict media player windows having an option to add a track to a shared playlist. Lee discloses in the column 17 line 6 that *"In a preferred embodiment, each track can have a unique numerical identifier that is generated as a rolling index"*. The user interface of Lee teaches that each selectable track can be individually highlighted. Then, the user can navigate in his play list and remove any highlighted track. Therefore, the removed track is always the highlighted track, not another track that is not highlighted.

Page 4 of the Office Action states, "Lee is silent as to if several occurrences of the track to be considered exist in the play list, removing the last occurrence of the track to be considered in the play list displayed in the second area."

The Office Action cites Myers in view of this deficiency of Lee.

Myers teaches an interactive jukebox including digitally encoded compact discs in a digitally encoded file and a graphic user interface to playing the compact discs, wherein the graphic user interface allows a user to view and manipulate the encoded CDs and select songs from the encoded CDs to be played or supplied. The user can see different lists of the CDs on a menu and can select the title of the CD on an alphabetic keyboard as shown by figure 15. Figure 16 shows a menu with, at the right, a tree directory showing many CDs and tracks, and at the left, a short list of tracks. Figure 18 discloses typical menus displayed by a PC, that is far different from the menu displayed by a specific DVD reader using a remote control, such as that disclosed in the present application (Remote control referenced 28 in the figure 1).

According to Myers, the user knows well that he can individually selects each CD or each track of CD, by introducing its title or by highlighting the title with a cursor and a mouse. Therefore, Myers teaches that at any time, and in any menu, the user can select any CD or track whatever the order of selecting of CDs or tracks. With the cursor and the mouse, the user can select the first, the second, ... the last occurrence and then enter a removal command. In the present

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invention, it is not useful to implement an identifier for each occurrence of the same track, because the last occurrence of the track is always removed.

Paragraph 103 of Myers states:

*"A privileged user with owner-level access can click on show duplicates 907 in order to bring up a dialog window that shows all of the duplicate song entries that exist in the CD library. On this dialog window, a user can select one of the two duplicates, then press a "delete" button in order to remove the duplicate song from hard drive 130. The purpose of this action is to allow a user to free up space on hard drive 130 by removing duplicate songs."*

It is clear that the user can select any of the duplicate song in the list and can remove the selected song by pressing a "delete" button.

In the present invention, the user selects and highlights a track in a list of tracks displayed in a first area. The occurrences of this track appearing in a second area of the display, the occurrences of the selected track not being highlighted in the second area. Therefore the user does not know which occurrence is removed when he introduces a command to remove the highlighted track. According to the claimed invention, the last occurrence is removed, therefore, the track to be considered in the first area remains highlighted. This technical solution is not taught nor suggested by Lee and Myers, taken alone or in combination

The remaining independent claims recite the same above mentioned feature as claim 1, and are believed to be patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as those discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 ultimately depend from one of claims 1, 4, 7 or 10, and are believed to be allowable at least by virtue of their dependence on an allowable base claim and because each has further distinguishing features.

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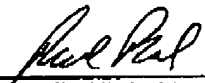
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Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

It is believed that there are no additional fees. However if there is an additional fee due, please charge the fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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